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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAGE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SEVERAL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS AND MIXED EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS HAVE PUBLICLY OPPOSED PAYING 35 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE BEFORE STRIKE DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1974. NOTABLE AMONG THIS INDUSTRY GROUP IS CHAMBER OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY OF PUEBLA AND TLAXCALA WHICH CLAIMS A 35 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE WOULD DESTROY INDUSTRY'S COMPETITIVE POSITION WITH FOREIGN INDUSTRY RESULTING IN CLOSING OF MOST MEXICAN COTTON MILLS.

2. GOVERNMENT SUGAR INDUSTRY UNION SPOKESMAN SAYS INDUSTRY ABLE ABSORB INCREASE BY DIVERTING INDUSTRY'S TAX INCOME FROM SOFT DRINK COMPANIES TO COVER INCREASED PAYROLL.

3. BOTH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY ADMITTING WAGE INCREASE FORTHCOMING. BUT LITTLE IS SAID ABOUT AMOUNT.

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CURRENT SPECULATION RANGES FROM 12 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT.

PERHAPS PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WILL ANNOUNCE SALARY INCREASE
FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AT HIS STATE OF NATION SPEECH ON
SEPTEMBER 1, 1974, WHICH COULD INFLUENCE LEVEL OF INCREASE
FOR PRIVATE SECTOR.

4. COMMENT: WAGE INCREASE INEVITABLE. NATIONAL STRIKE
UNLIKELY HOWEVER SCATTERED PLANT WIDE STRIKES EXPECTED
THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AT THOSE PLACES OF BUSINESS WHERE
COMPANIES REFUSE TO MEET NATIONAL FORMULA.
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